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February 15, 2001

Mr. Larry L. Saret LAFF, WHITESEL & SARET LTD. 401 North Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60611-4212

Re: Reissue of U.S. Patent No. 5,840,249

Dear Larry:

This is in response to your letter of February 12, 2001 which was your response to my letter of January 19, 2001. In response to the question contained in your response, no Mr. Bendiner has not refused to sign and return the documents. In my letter of January 19, 2001, I made a request. I would appreciate receiving a reply to that request.

Very truly yours,

F. David AuBuchon

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cc: Bernard Bendiner

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